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PROF. WHITEFORD SACRIFICED ON THE ALTAR OF SELFISH GREED

Because He Would Not Knuckle to Self-Constituted Political Bosses He Lost His Position

The Schools of St. Joseph Are Now Launched Upon the Troubled Sea of Politics

The St. Joseph schools have entered the political arena. They are now the football which will be kicked about for the next decade.

And this will be so from the fact that politics has entered into a body which should not have even its semblance and which is by statute made non-partisan.

It has always been supposed that the public schools—the bulwark of the nation—were immune from the taint of politics, but they are not in St. Joseph.

And why? Simple because the proceedings of Thursday by the St. Joseph school board show that they are not—and are not by a decided majority.

It is now a self-assured fact that politics and not education is the mark aimed at in future by the schools of St. Joseph—and made so by the board of education.

Professor Whitford Out

Prof. J. A. Whitford, who for twelve years has been at the head of the St. Joseph public schools as superintendent, was forced on Thursday forenoon to tender his resignation—which he did at once—or face the majority of a hostile board and journey to them. He is a gentleman—and the whole state knows that he is a scholar—and he sent that resignation in so quick that it made the heads of those astute "connaisseurs of

education," who wanted his scalp because they had a man of their own political shade and complexion in view for the place, swim so badly that they are still wondering if they have a case of nightmare, or are recovering from a sick headache.

No Other Cause For It

And there was no other cause for it. St. Joseph now has the best schools in the state of Missouri—there can be no denials of this patent fact—the man who can successfully show that this is not the case does not live, and the columns of this paper are wide open and full length for him, free of charge of any sort, in which to demonstrate that they are not—and this paper will also give him a most generous cash honorarium in addition, if he can make even a half-way decent showing that they are not the best in the state and cannot be equalled in the whole West.

And with all of this to his credit—all of his devotion to the uplift of the children—the coming generation who will control this country—Prof. Whitford—this able and acknowledged capable instructor and educator—was sacrificed, simply because he was a Democrat and stood in the way of men who cared not for the youth of the city, but for politics and political ends.

The school in politics—shame—shame—shame!

HUMANITY IS ONLY CAUSE FOR WAR

"America Won't Fight Merely for Herself," President Tells D. A. R.

THE NATION FORMED TO SERVE MANKIND

And He Declares That if We Fall Away From the Traditions of the Fathers of This Great Republic We Have Dishonored Them, Have Changed Our Character and Have Lost the Old Impulse and Become Unconscious of the Principles in Which the Life of the Nation is Rooted and Grounded.

With all of the talk of war—with all of the war that is going on about the United States—with all of the blood that is being spilled—with all of the treachery and trickery of those un-Americans who are trying to promote war in order that they may profit financially through the blood and tears of widows and orphans—with all of the machinations of interested greed and avarice—there is only one way that this country can be dragged into war and that is in the cause of humanity. That is the fact that President Wilson has issued and that is the basis on which Americans alone will go into war.

This was made strikingly manifest when President Wilson on Monday addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution in convention assembled at Washington, and where he declared that the only excuse of the United States to ever fight would be in the cause of humanity. His words were enthusiastically applauded by delegates from all parts of the country.

Will Have Forgotten Traditions. "America will have forgotten her traditions," said the president, "if she fights merely for herself." He added that the United States must not fight under conditions as would show it had forgotten traditions. When America ceases to be unselfish, he said, it will cease to be America.

The president declared the nation was formed for the purpose of serving the rest of mankind as much as itself, and to afford asylum to all men. Those traditions, he added, must be continued.

"Tradition is a handsome thing in the proportion to which we live up to it," declared the president. "But we must never fall below that tradition. The birth of this nation was significant because no other nation was ever born in the world with the purpose of serving mankind."

Will Have Dishonored Them. "If we fall away from the tradition of the fathers we have dishonored them. If we forget the tradition of the fathers, we have changed our character; we have lost an old impulse; we have become unconscious of the principles in which the life of the nation itself is rooted and grounded."

"America will have forgotten her traditions whenever upon any occasion she fights merely for self under such circumstances as will show that she has forgotten to fight for all mankind. And the only excuse that America can ever have for the assertion of her physical force is that she asserts it in behalf of the interests of humanity."

"What a splendid thing it is to have so singular a tradition, a tradition of unselfishness. When America ceases to be unselfish she will cease to be America. When she forgets the traditions of devotion to human rights in general which gave spirit and impulse to her founders, she will have lost her title deeds to her own nationality."

St. Joseph bore a charmed existence early this week when it came to escaping disastrous rains. Wednesday, right across the river in Kansas, a severe rainstorm set in, and before it ended a terrific hail mingled with the downpour. Not a hailstone fell in Buchanan county or St. Joseph, as the storm passed by the community.

Tonight the Missouri Glee Club will be heard at the auditorium of the Robidoux school at Tenth and Edmond streets, held under the auspices of the local Central high school social societies.

OUT FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

Well-Known Attorney Will Make An Active Campaign for This Honorable Position

Lawyer James C. Growney on Saturday, last, filed with the secretary of state at Jefferson City his declaration as a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court, Division No. 3, on the Democratic ticket.

This new division of the circuit court of Buchanan county was created by the last general assembly, when by legislative enactment the criminal court was abolished, effective Jan. 1, 1917. For this nomination at the August primary election, Mr. Growney will make an active campaign, be-



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lieving that the office of judge of this new division belongs to no one man more than to another, but that the position is one belonging to the citizens of Buchanan county, and for them at the August primary to determine who the Democratic nominee shall be.

Mr. Growney, in seeking this nomination, comes as a man well qualified for the office. He holds the degree of LL. B. (Bachelor of Laws) from the law department of the University of Missouri. His long experience as an advocate at the bar, in the capacity of a trial lawyer, makes him peculiarly qualified for a position upon the bench in the Sixth judicial circuit of Missouri.

BARNEY REILLY NOW

PRACTICING LAW

Barney E. Reilly, who made the race for the mayoralty on the Democratic ticket and who in defeat was as gracious as he would have been in victory, has resumed the active practice of law and is now located in Suite No. 701 of the Corby-Forsee building, the quarters formerly occupied by Judge T. B. Allen. He made hundreds of friends in his campaign, and they are attesting their friendship by giving him their patronage.

GIVE THE PARTICULARS!

Without Doubt Jerry is a Yellow Dog and Presumably Affectionate to His Friends. Special to the Gazette. "Maryville, April 15—B. R. Embree has a Scotch collie, just 5 years old, which is able to tell a Republican from a Democrat. The dog's name is Jerry. Whenever Jerry tries to drive away a caller at the Embree home it is known that the man is a Democrat. When Jerry makes friends the man is a Republican. The signs have never been known to fail."

We certainly admire Jerry's intelligence—Jerry knows and understands his kin—but the story is incomplete. Jerry, without a doubt is a yellow dog and remarkably affectionate to his colored Republican friends for a few days before an election. Does Jerry lick the hands of Bull Moosers? Does Jerry get his livings by robbing smaller dogs? Does Jerry show emotion if you mention meat trust or any trust, graft, tariff, special interests, greed or any other of the lovely things his friends stand for? Does Jerry defend his home? Has he a home, to defend, or is he just like other dogs, used to defend the homes of larger dogs? Come, give us all the particulars.

OREGON, MO.

Henry V. Arrowsmith, 65 years of age and well known, died of peritonitis Wednesday. Burial took place at Quincy, Ill., his former home.

J. W. DOORLY DELIVERS NOTABLE MESSAGE TO ST. JOSEPH PEOPLE

Discussed His Subject Before An Audience That Taxed the Capacity of the First Church

In Language That All Understood He Spoke Entertainingly of the Prayer of Understanding

Before an audience which filled the commodious First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday afternoon, John W. Doorly, C. S. B., of Leeds, England, member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., delivered a notable lecture on "The Prayer of Understanding the Message of Christian Science." The lecturer was introduced in appropriate words by Mr. A. B. Pickell, first reader of the First Church. Mr. Pickell said:

"It is not an unreasonable expectation that all mankind should enjoy health, happiness, success and peace. The hope within us leads us onward and upward in the search for the true system, or system of truth, which would enable mankind to be superior to all adverse circumstances. Those to whom Christian Science has come with healing are certain that God is everpresent and His help is available through the understanding of true prayer, for Christian Science has brought into their present experience more health and happiness, a more successful living, a higher and more permanent peace. That they might share these blessings with the whole world is their greatest desire, and it is with gratitude that this opportunity is offered to learn more of this subject."

"I am glad to introduce Mr. John W. Doorly, C. S. B., of Leeds, England, member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass."

The lecturer said:

Progress is recognized to be the law of God in all things, and Christian Science has come in obedience to this law, not to reveal a new God but to bring to humanity a fuller sense of that one and only God "whom to know aright is Life eternal." (Science and Health, Pref. p. vii.). The message of Christian Science is always loving, compassionate, and tolerant, and recognizes clearly the right of every man to decide what is best for his own health and happiness, both in the matter of medicine and also of religion. The teachings of Christian Science are simple and direct, and are easily understood by any unbiased thinker; even children perceive and use them with the utmost ease. Being essentially Christlike they are universal and are the message of Truth knocking at the door of every human consciousness.

Christian Science neither strives nor argues with those who do not accept its teachings, but gently reasons, as did Abraham of old, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, . . . for we be brethren." Christian Science, however, does declare in no uncertain way that there is but one God and one Christ, and that a correct, scientific, and demonstrable understanding of the one and only God and of the divine Christ is essential to the permanent health, happiness, and salvation of every individual. Christian Science also points out definitely that it profits little merely to believe on God, for human belief is subject to change, while spiritual understanding abideth forever.

The Prayer of Certainty

Christian Science therefore demands from those who would accept its ministrations that they should so understand God and His relationship to His creation, and His laws governing this relationship, that they should be able under all circumstances, through this knowledge, to prove His presence and power, and His infinite ability to preserve them intact from every form of evil. This result Christian Science teaches, and all Christian religions should readily concede, can only be accomplished through prayer; but as to what constitutes true prayer there are many human opinions.

From time immemorial mankind has believed in some kind of God and has offered some prayer or offering to such a God, but the motives for these prayers and the results expected and obtained from them have differed according to a man's belief as to the nature of his God. It has, however, always been accorded, and quite rightly, that the individual who obtained the most definite answer to his prayer was that one who understood most certainly and correctly the nature of the one and only God. The Scriptures are a record of how God was progressively revealed "with signs following" to those men of all ages who understood Him and obeyed His laws.

To Understand God Essential

To pray aright it is evident that we must first know God aright, for it

PREACHER TOO COLTISH

Wrote An "Indiscreet" Note to a Young Lady, and It Cost Him His Job

Montgomery, Mo., April 19.—Before leaving for Kansas City tonight the Rev. Floyd Riley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Belleflower, this county, made a statement in which he admitted that he wrote an indiscreet note to a young woman of his congregation, 18 years old, of which he said the contents were about as follows:

Meet me tonight at 8 o'clock near your home, about three posts from the front gate. It being prayer meeting night, I will have an excuse to be away from home and desire to talk to you.—F. R.

This note was mailed through the postoffice at Belleflower several days ago, and it seems it was taken to the young woman by one of her girl friends. As the young woman was not expecting to receive a private message, all three girls read it at the same time.

The contents embarrassed the young woman, but her companions told of the occurrence. This led to a meeting of the members of the official board of the church, at which Mr. Riley said he realized the writing of the note and the publicity it had received had ruined his usefulness as pastor, and he tendered his resignation at once. It was promptly accepted. He also wrote his resignation as a minister and member of the Missouri conference to the superintendent of this district, the Rev. Charles Eagles of Brookfield, which has been received and accepted. Mr. Riley says he will remain a member of the Methodist church, and will continue religious work in some field, but not as a preacher. He insists that his motive in writing the young woman was not an immoral one.

The ravages of the Missouri river near Lake Contrary have become so noticeable to river men that the prediction is freely made that by the end of the annual June rise the river will be into the lake, and when this occurs there will be no Lake Contrary, nor will there be any of the game fish, either.

CONGRESSIONAL RACE OPENING

James H. Hull of Platte and B. Raleigh Martin Anounce, and More Are Expected

Since the city campaign has been relegated to the rear, the congressional matter has come to the fore and candidates are announcing their desire to contest with Congressman Charles F. Booher, who now holds that office.

Last week Hon. James H. Hull of Platte county announced his candidacy, and he is now busily at work in a canvass of the district.

Tuesday, B. Raleigh Martin of this city and formerly of Nodaway, announced that he would contest for the coveted honor.

Hon. Anderson Craig of Nodaway some time ago announced his candidacy, and it is said that William E. Spratt of this city will shortly throw his hat into the ring.

Robert I. Young of this county announced his candidacy some time ago, and it is said that there will be other candidates.

Congressman Charles F. Booher, the present representative, is also a candidate for renomination, but will not come home to look after his candidacy, being satisfied that his friends will appreciate the fact that he is at the post of duty, where they sent him to care for their interests, and that his future is safe in their hands.

IN KANSAS

John Sonfeldt, a School Board Member, Goes to Jail for Selling Liquor to Children

The Topeka Capital, owned by Gov. Arthur Capper, which told recently of appalling conditions in Kansas, resulting in young girls being ruined and babies allowed to die through neglect of their parents, publishes the ensuing tale of more doings in prohibition Kansas. It says:

John Sonfeldt, a member of the Leavenworth school board and president of the Leavenworth branch of the Miners' union, pleaded guilty in the federal court here to a charge of

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